

A Review of the Initial Results and the Future Activities of the Interagency Ecological Program's Investigation of the Pelagic Organism Decline in the Upper San Francisco Estuary

**November 14 - 9:00 to 4:30
Byron Sher Auditorium (2nd Floor)
CalEPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA**

**November 15 – 2:00 to 3:30
Bay-Delta Room
Moss Federal Building
650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA**

Purpose

In 2005 the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) identified a recent and substantial decline in the populations of several species living in the open water areas of the Upper San Francisco Estuary. The IEP immediately initiated an investigation to help identify the likely causes of those declines. The California Bay Delta Authority Science Program and IEP have organized this workshop as part of an independent scientific review of the investigation's initial results and future activities. The workshop is to provide an opportunity for the review panel members and IEP staff to discuss the following:

- 1) The status of research and monitoring activities outlined in the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) 2005 Workplan to Evaluate the Decline of Pelagic Species in the Upper San Francisco Estuary, including discussion of the 2005 Work Synthesis report
- 2) The research and monitoring activities proposed for the 2006 workplan pursuant to identifying potential factors contributing to the pelagic organism decline (POD)
- 3) The review panel's initial comments on investigation's initial results and proposed activities

***Status of the IEP POD 2005 Initial Results and
Proposed 2006 Workplan***

Agenda (subject to revision)

Monday, November 14, 2005 CalEPA Building Sher Auditorium

- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome, Ground Rules and Opening Remarks
- 9:30 - 10:00 Overview of the Pelagic Organism Decline problem
- 10:00 - 10:45 Current view of the Pelagic Organism Decline problem
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00 - 12:00 Synthesis Overview
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:45 Toxics
- 1:45 - 2:30 Flows and Exports
- 2:30 - 3:15 Invasive Species
- 3:15 - 3:30 Break
- 3:30 - 4:00 2006 Workplan
- 4:00 - 4:30 Public Comment

***Initial Comments of the Independent Science Review Panel
on the 2005 Results and Proposed 2006 Workplan***

Agenda (subject to revision)

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 California Bay-Delta Authority Bay-Delta Room

Morning	Panel Working Session
2:00-2:15	Introductions, agenda review (Science Program Staff, Review Panel Chair)
2:15-2:45	Overview of Science Review Panel response to synthesis report and proposed work plan
2:45-3:00	General discussion and final questions
3:00-3:30	Public comment
3:30	Adjourn

Note:

Please allow additional time for clearing security checkpoints at public buildings. Pocket knives and camera-enabled cell phones will not be permitted in the Moss Federal Building (California Bay-Delta Authority).